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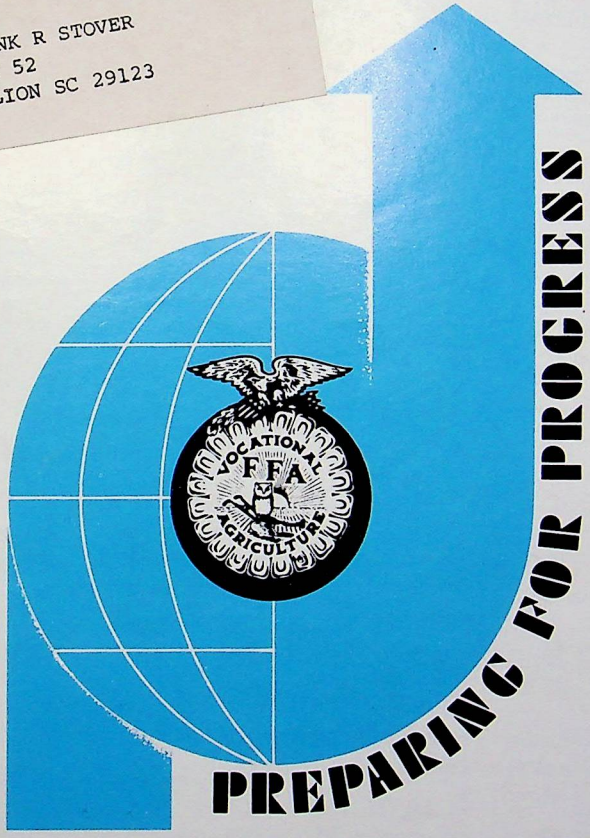

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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

A Summer Tour will not be held this year. After five successful events, the Executive Committee made a decision to skip this year since it appeared that interest was declining. Chapters are encouraged to plan and conduct tours of their own for interested members along with holding their usual summer activities including monthly meetings, family picnics, etc.

The contest and awards program has been approved for this year on the same basis. The Executive Committee is looking at ways to increase and improve participation. Consideration is being given to possibilities for providing recognition to members over the age of 40 and a contest in the area of Livestock Production. Details on additional awards will be made available to all chapters as soon as plans are complete.

Elanco is again sponsoring the "Young Farmer Spokespersons for Agriculture" Program designed to help promote the farmer, his products and a better understanding of agriculture. State winners must be selected before October 1. A biographical sketch along with the five-minute statement used to win must be provided to Elanco no later than November 1. The State Winner will receive a certificate plus $125 at the National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, December 6-10, with the opportunity of being selected as one of three national winners. Any interested member or spouse should contact your local advisor. Additional information can be found in the last issue of *The National Young Farmer* recently distributed to all chapters.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

The 1980 State FFA Convention is almost here, and an exciting and informative program has been planned for the event which will be held at Clemson University, June 4-6. Every FFA chapter that is affiliated with the state association should have at least two official voting delegates plus contest and awards winners present at the annual convention. FFA members will be welcomed by Clemson's newly inaugurated President, Dr. Bill Atchley. State contests in public speaking and parliamentary procedure will be conducted, and numerous winners in the FFA contest and awards program will be recognized. Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President from Mesa, Arizona, will make several presentations during the week.

Reservations are arriving daily for the camping program at Cherry Grove. Although the week of June 9-13 is full, vacancies are available June 16-20 and July 7-11. And the Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers is scheduled June 24-27. The camping program offers an exciting week of recreation, education, leadership training, and fellowship. The cost for one week is very reasonable, the facilities are excellent and the beach atmosphere is very relaxing. So take advantage of your Cherry Grove FFA Camp.

Plan to utilize the summer months ahead for camping, taking fishing trips, or visiting the many attractions in our state with your fellow FFA members. This time is also excellent for chapter members to plan and develop the 1980-81 Program of Activities.

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PREPARING FOR PROGRESS

A good seed bed. A crop rotation plan. A crossbreeding program. An organized marketing approach. A supply of spare parts. A well built foundation. Knowing where to get the answers. All signs of being prepared.

Fortunately, being prepared, planning ahead and getting things off to a good start are "a way of life" in agriculture. Without this preparation, our bountiful agricultural production—and thus the food for America and the world—might never be produced.

Likewise the people in agriculture know that before they can be personally successful in their agricareers they need a "good seed bed" or "firm foundation" of their own. They need to be prepared with the knowledge and skills of agriculture like decision making, asking questions, finding answers, trying new methods, speaking and listening.

And that is what vocational agriculture education and the FFA is all about. It is preparing young men and women in high school vocational agricultural classes with the skills they will need for careers in agriculture—an industry at the heartbeat of the world; providing food and fiber for all people. An industry offering diverse career opportunities for students with interest in horticulture, crops, livestock, agribusiness, marketing, sales, chemistry, taxes, law, mechanics, vet medicine, plant genetics, soil science, conservation, accounting, personnel management or landscaping.

Add to this classroom instruction the powerful learning-by-doing experiences and leadership development of the FFA. In FFA the 494,000 student members are molded by a local chapter advisor; motivated by incentive awards from the American agribusiness community; challenged by competition among themselves; committed to participate and get involved in their community; disciplined by a desire to succeed—in the great American agriculture tradition.

They emerge Prepared. Prepared for Progress.

In fact the Future Farmers of America is noted for its 50 years of "progress" in agricultural leadership. But it is in the "preparing" that we find the heart of the story.

Prepared to face the future. Prepared to lead America's agricultural industry. Prepared to be on the team to feed the world. Prepared to be somebody. Prepared to progress.

YORK WINS TOP HONORS IN LIVESTOCK

Members of the first place Floyd D. Johnson state livestock judging team are shown, left to right: Advisor, W. S. Wilkins, and team members Harry Blair, Tom Cowan, Joe Whetstine, and Jimmy Yost.

Top individual livestock judges at the state event for 1980 are shown above, left to right, with their trophies: Harry Blair, first, 431 points, Floyd D. Johnson chapter; Terry Ledford, second, 422 points, James F. Byrnes chapter; and, third, Ken Watson, 421 points, Brittons Neck chapter.

Future Farmers from Floyd D. Johnson Vocational Center, York, won top honors in the State FFA Livestock Judging Contest earning the right to represent South Carolina in the national FFA competition this fall. Members of the first place Floyd D. Johnson team include Harry Blair, Tom Cowan, Joe Whetstine, and Jimmy Yost. W. S. Wilkins is their agriculture teacher and chapter advisor.

The purpose of this activity is to develop the student's ability to select and economically produce livestock that meets the needs of industry and the consumer. The competition included placing one class each of four breeding cattle and four breeding swine, grading ten market swine, grading ten slaughter cattle, and grading ten feeder cattle, according to the latest USDA standards for each: also, two female section classes, one in beef and one in hogs, made up of eight animals each. Contestants were required to select the best four animals from the eight. This year, for the first time, contestants were required to give reasons for their placing in the breeding swine class.

The statewide livestock meet allows FFA members who are students of vocational agriculture to demonstrate the skills they are taught in classrooms and laboratories. Participants in the event earn the right to vie in the state competition by first placing among the top four individuals in their respective chapters in livestock judging. Individuals then compete as a team to win top honors in their FFA federation. South Carolina has four vocational districts divided into 16 federations, each encompassing one or more counties.

Plaques were awarded at the state meet to the top team in each district. The Crescent team took top honors in District I, Joe M. Price, advisor; in District II, Floyd D. Johnson Vocational Center, W. S. Wilkins, advisor; District III, Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace, advisor; and District IV, Wagener-Salley, S. C. Smith, advisor.

Top individual honors went to Harry Blair of the Floyd D. Johnson chapter. Second place individual honors went to Terry Ledford, James F. Byrnes chapter, and third place, Ken Watson, Brittons Neck. All three individual winners were presented trophies.

The State Department of Education, Office of Vocational Education, staged the competition in cooperation with the Clemson University Animal Science Department. This event is usually conducted in connection with the Block and Bridle Club's "Little International". But this year, for the first time in a number of years, a separate contest was arranged for the FFA.

Members of the first place livestock judging team in District I from the Crescent chapter are shown, left to right: Barry Anderson, Gregg Campbell, Benny Smith, and Lydia Smith. Shown with them is their chapter advisor, Joe M. Price.

Members of the top livestock judging team in District III from Brittons Neck are shown, left to right: Merrill Larrimore, Ken Watson, Chris Dozier, Samuel Eaddy, their advisor Jerry Pace, and an unidentified student teacher.

The top livestock judging team in District IV was the Wagener-Salley team shown above, left to right: Charles Rushton, student teacher Eddie Rish, Johnny Williamson, team advisor S. C. Smith, Tommy Swartz, and Scott Terry.

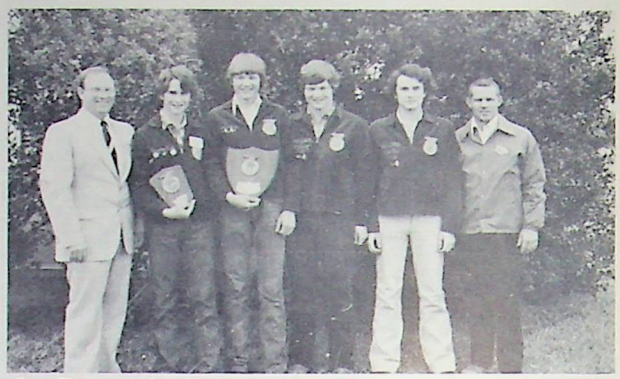
PULPWOOD FIELD DAY

Pulpwood harvesting participants from Crescent High School won all three individual honors in the rugged annual Pulpwood Harvesting Field Day at Pinewood. H. S. Clinkscales is the agriculture teacher at Crescent. John Simpson topped the field of over 100 high school vocational agriculture students to claim top honors with the score of 467 points of a possible 500. Crescent's Bill Herron placed second with a score of 450. Steve McGill placed third with a score of 448. The veteran agricultural educator at Crescent, H. S. Clinkscales, was on hand with the talented youth to receive the attractive trophies, which go to the state's top three pulpwood harvesting students. The field day brought together the top students enrolled in pulpwood harvesting courses in selected high schools across the state. The rugged hands-on competition saw students utilize the same skills they are taught in vocational agriculture classrooms/laboratories, including, estimating pulpwood in standing trees, scaling saw logs, determining the volume of pulpwood on trucks, estimating standing saw timber, and prescribing recommended timber thinning practices. Schools offering the timber harvesting course are: Crescent, H. S. Clinkscales, teacher of agriculture; Walterboro, Jerry Gowdy, teacher of agriculture; Andrew Jackson, D. A. Barfield, teacher of agriculture; Andrews, Gilmore McManus, teacher of agriculture; and Marion, Walter Tart, teacher of agriculture.

These participants in the FFA timber harvesting field day are estimating the volume of pulpwood in this stand of trees as one of the exercises.

ABBEVILLE AND ST. MATTHEWS WIN I

Shown congratulating the first place St. Matthews team and presenting the state plaque is Joe Brown, Agricultural Engineer with South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, representing the sponsors. Members of the team are, left to right: Vernetia Bull, Shelia Caldwell, Angela Colter, and Sharon Goodwine. Looking on is agriculture teacher Alvin Larke, Jr.



Joe Brown, Agricultural Engineer with South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, is shown congratulating the second place Abbeville team and awarding them a state plaque on behalf of the sponsors. Shown, left to right, are: Joe Brown, and team members Allen Price, Bryan Hill, Alan Hill, and Darrell Ricketts. S. H. Keaton, agriculture teacher at Abbeville, looks on.

The Future Farmers of America soil judging teams from St. Matthews High School in Calhoun County and Abbeville High School in Abbeville County, bested 14 other teams to take top honors in the 25th annual State FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet at St. George. The top two teams each received $700 for expenses to the international meet in Oklahoma City and both were awarded plaques as top Palmetto State soil judging teams for 1980.

The St. Matthews team scored 682 points of a possible 720 to head the field with the Abbeville team scoring 623 points. These two teams will represent South Carolina at the International Soil Judging Meet in Oklahoma City in May.

Sixteen four-member FFA teams, already tested in chapter and FFA federation competition, vied for the honor of representing the South Carolina Association in the annual land judging contest in Oklahoma City.

The coveted first place individual award in the state went to James Teal, of the McBee chapter, with 231 points of a possible 240. E. B. Earle is his agriculture teacher and chapter advisor. He received a plaque and $175 cash to be used for a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. Second place honors went to Vernetia Bull, St. Matthews chapter, Alvin Larke, Jr., advisor, who tied with Teal with 231 points. The tie was broken by a prearranged system, making Teal first place winner. She received an engraved gold watch.

The meet is staged by the Office of Vocational Education, State Department of Education, in connection with the State FFA Association. The office plans and supervises vocational education programs--such as vocational agriculture--statewide. The association functions through 145 local school chapters to foster student-led activities that complement training in the vocational agriculture classroom and laboratory.

The meet allows students to demonstrate the soil identification and land treatment skills they have learned in the vocational agriculture classes. Participants earn the right to compete by first placing among the top four individuals in their respective FFA chapters in soil identification and land treatment. These individuals then compete as a team to win top honors in the FFA federation. South Carolina has 16 federations, each encompassing one or more counties, which compose the four vocational districts within the state.

Receiving top district honors and a plaque were: District I, Abbeville, S. H. Keaton, advisor; District II, Ft. Mill, M. F. Coggins, advisor; District III, McBee, E. B. Earle, advisor; and District IV, St. Matthews, Alvin Larke, Jr., advisor.

Annual sponsors of this meet are Carolina Power and Light Company, Duke Power Company, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts, and the South Carolina Conservation Districts Foundation. Assisting in staging the competition and providing technical assistance is the South Carolina Soil Conservation Service.

More than 7000 South Carolina youth receive instruction annually in soil identification and land treatment through vocational agriculture program. State Supervisor of these programs for the Office of Vocational Education is Frank R. Stover.

N STATE SOILS MEET

Shown presenting a check to the first place winner, James Teal of the McBee chapter, is Lewis Williamson, of Carolina Power and Light Company. Looking on is E. B. Earle, Teal's agriculture teacher. Williamson also congratulated second place winner Vernetia Bull of the St. Matthews chapter and presented her with an engraved gold watch. Looking on is her agriculture teacher, Alvin Larke, Jr.

E. J. Tyson, left, Manager, Agricultural Engineering, Duke Power Company, Charlotte, is shown congratulating District II's first place Ft. Mill team. Team members, left to right: Ron Edwards, Chuck Burn, Alan Barfield, and Tony Williamson, with their agriculture teacher, M. F. Coggins.

E. J. Tyson, left, Manager of Agricultural Engineering, Duke Power Company, Charlotte, is shown congratulating District III's top McBee team. Team members are, left to right: Terry Dixon, James Teal, Doug Kennington, and Mike Tiller, with agriculture teacher E. B. Earle.

Vice President of the State Future Farmers of America, Neil James of Loris is shown with (L to R) FFA Executive Secretary, J. Earl Frick, Jr. and State Conservationist for South Carolina, George Huey, prior to the State FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet. Neil brought greetings to the contestants, guests, and sponsors from the South Carolina Association of FFA.

Soil judging contestants listen intently to the instructions given them by Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. Stover works for the State Department of Education, Office of Vocational Education.

Soil judging contestants from throughout the state enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch just prior to going in the field and competing for the privilege of representing South Carolina at the International Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet.

LEXINGTON AVC FIRST IN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING

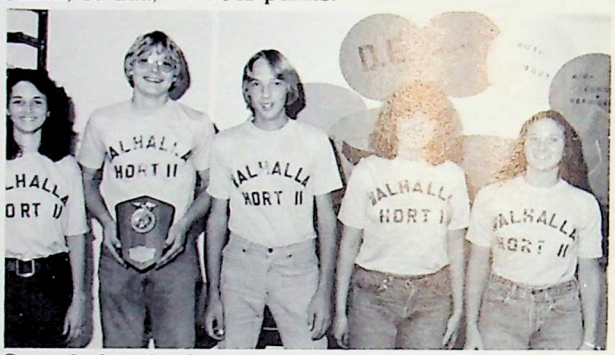
The first place state winning Lexington Area Vocational Center team is shown with agriculture teacher Paul Corley, Jr., at left. Team members are, Billy Jumper, Gail Roland, Joy Price, and an unidentified alternate at right.

The Lexington Area Vocational Center nursery/landscape team was tops in the statewide competition held recently at the Lexington Center. First place earned the Lexington team a trip to the National FFA Convention and the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Members of the team include Billy Jumper, Gail Roland, and Joy Price. Paul Corley, Jr., is Lexington's agriculture teacher and team advisor. Taking second place honors in the statewide event was the Walhalla team. Mrs. Barbara Smith is agriculture teacher and chapter advisor at Walhalla. Team members included Bill Head, Chris Rogers, and Cathy Hodge. Third place went to the Saluda team, with team memberrs, Natalie Smith, Nina Riley, and Cliff Rollins, and W. A. Whitfield, teacher of agriculture and chapter advisor.

Taking top individual honors in the event was Billy Jumper of Lexington AVC with 555 points. Second place went to Billy's team member, Joy Price, with 548 points. Third place winner was Natalie Smith of the Saluda team, with 541 points. All three individuals received attractive trophies for their accomplishments.

The nursery/landscape competition is open to the state's students of ornamental horticulture as well as to students in basic vocational agriculture programs whose courses stress training in nursery/landscape. The purpose of this competition is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in vocational agriculture classes. Competition included an overall general knowledge written test, identification of plant materials, and placing of nursery/landscape items. Four of the classes were plants and one was a landscape model. Students were furnished a landscape drawing and required to answer ten objective questions about the drawing.

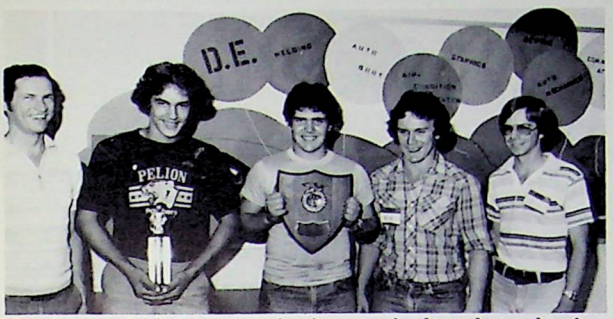
The three top individuals in the state nursery/landscape competition are shown, left to right: First place, Billy Jumper, Lexington AVC with 555 points; second place, Joy Price, Lexington AVC with 548 points; and third place (not present when picture was made (was Natalie Smith, Saluda, with 541 points.



Second place in the state competition was the Walhalla team. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. Barbara Smith, agriculture teacher and team advisor, and team members, Bill Head, Chris Rogers, Cathy Hodge, and an unidentified alternate.

Shown, left to right, is the third place winning Saluda chapter team: W. A. Whitfield, agriculture teacher and team advisor, and team members, Natalie Smith, Nina Riley, and Cliff Rollins.

PELION WINS HONORS IN AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS



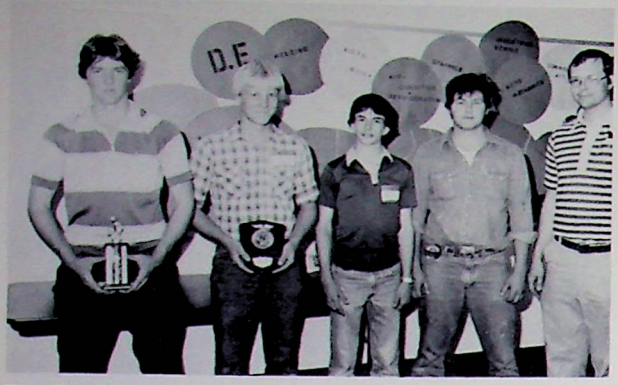
Members of the state winning agricultural mechanics team from Pelion High School are shown, left to right: Freddie Waltz, agriculture teacher and team advisor, and team members Bruce Wise, Ronnie Bazemore, Jimmy Lucas, and Clyde Gardner.

The Pelion High School agricultural mechanics team won top honors in the state agricultural mechanics competition staged at Lexington Area Vocational Center. By winning first place in the event, Pelion earned the right to represent South Carolina in the national FFA competition this fall at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Members of the state winning Pelion team are Bruce Wise, Ronnie Bazemore, Jimmy Lucas, and Clyde Gardner. Freddie Waltz is the agriculture teacher at Pelion and advisor to the team. Pelion scored 775 points to win first place. Second place in the statewide event went to the Saluda team with 759 points. W. A. Whitfield is the agriculture teacher and team advisor at Saluda. Third place honors went to the Pendleton team, who scored 759 points. The tie was broken by a prearranged system and third place was awarded to Pendleton. George M. Reed, Jr., is the agriculture teacher and team advisor at Pendleton. All three teams received engraved plaques. Saluda's Glendon Brickley tallied 270 points to claim first place individual honors in the event. Bruce Wise, of the Pelion team, was second with 265 points. Joey Link, of the Pendleton team, claimed third place honors with 265 points. The three high individuals were presented trophies for their accomplishments.

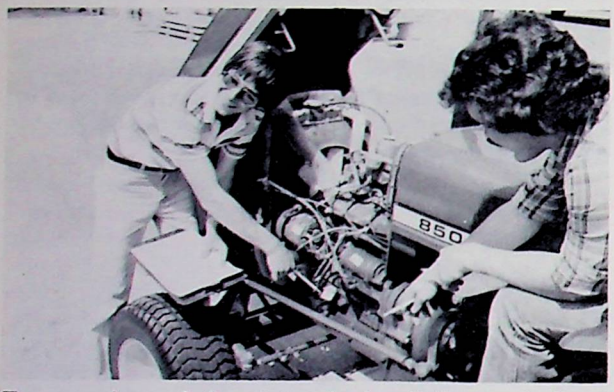
The keen competition is staged annually by the Office of Vocational Education which supervises vocational agriculture programs statewide. Assisting in the agricultural mechanics contest was Dr. James Daniels, of the Department of Agricultural Education, Clemson University. The event is open to all students enrolled in agricultural mechanics in their high school or vocational education center. The activity event is staged to allow students to demonstrate skills learned in vocational agriculture classes and included agricultural mechanics skills in masonry, electric motors and controls, tractor power, and a written overall general knowledge examination in all these areas.

The three high scoring contestants in the agricultural mechanics contest are shown, left to right: Glendon Brickley, top scoring individual in the state, from Saluda, 270 points; Bruce Wise, Pelion, was second with 265 points, and Joey Link, Pendleton, with 265 points, was in third place. The tie between Wise and Link was broken by a predetermined system.

The second place Saluda agricultural mechanics team in the state agricultural mechanics contest is shown with agriculture teacher, W. A. Whitfield (left). Team members, Jesse Caughman, Tommy Forrest, Glendon Brickley, and Randall Maffett. Shown in front is Roman Whitfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitfield, who accompanied the team.



The Pendleton agricultural mechanics team placed third in the recent state agricultural mechanics competition. They are shown, left to right: Joey Link, Walter McAbee, Greg Kreitz, Robert Boggs, and Pendleton agriculture teacher and team advisor, George M. Reed, Jr. (right).



Two members of the state winning Pelion agricultural mechanics team are shown, left to right, Clyde Gardner and Jimmy Lucas, identifying and describing the function of certain parts of a tractor.

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PENDLETON WINS FLORICULTURE

Members of the state winning Pendleton floriculture team are shown, left to right: John Colleli, Chris Harper, Nancy Gentry, and an unidentified alternate, and George M. Reed, Jr. (right), agriculture teacher at Pendleton High School.

The Pendleton High School floriculture team, with a score of 2007 points, won first place in the state floriculture competition held at Lexington Area Vocational Center. Placing first earned the Pendleton team a trip to the National FFA Convention and the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Members of the Pendleton team are John Colleli, Nancy Gentry, and Chris Harper. The team was prepared by Royce Caines, agriculture teacher at Pendleton High School. First place individual honors were claimed by Chris Harper, of the state winning Pendleton chapter, with 679 points. Lisa Pellitier, of Rock Hill Career Development Center, was second with 668 points. Wesley Carter, Jr., is the agriculture teacher at Rock Hill CDC. Third placed winner was John Colleli, of Pendleton, with 665 points. Second place team honors went to the Rock Hill Career Development Center with 1932 points, and team members, Lisa Pellitier, David Alton, and Pam Russell. Third place team honors went to the Finklea team, with 1836 points, team members, Mary Swinton, Lorrie May, and Kim Hardee. John D. Bonnette is the agriculture teacher at Finklea Career Center.

The floriculture competition is open to the state's more than 1500 students studying floriculture and ornamental horticulture, as well as students in basic agriculture programs whose courses stress training in floriculture. The purpose of the competition is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in vocational agriculture classes. This competition included an overall written phase, identification of plant materials, and placing of classes of plant materials and floral arrangements. Floriculture includes both retailing and production of flowers, plants and foliage.

The top three individuals in the state floriculture competition are shown, left to right: Chris Harper, Pendleton, 679 points; Lisa Pellitier, Rock Hill, 668 points; and John Colleli, Pendleton, 665 points.

Members of the second place Rock Hill Career Center floriculture team are shown with their agriculture teacher Wesley Carter (left), Lisa Pellitier, David Alton, and Pam Russell.

The third place Finklea Career Center floriculture team is shown with agriculture teacher John Bonnette at left. Team members are Mary Swinton, Lorrie May, Kim Hardee, and alternate Sadie Green.

NATIONAL FFA VP

Elin Duckworth of Mesa, Arizona, National FFA Vice President from the western region, will be the official representative from the national organization at the South Carolina FFA State Convention. Ellen is involved in agri-business through sales positions she held first at a nursery and as a sales assistant for Elancon Products. Ellen served in several chapter officer positions and as Arizona's State Vice President. While at the University of Arizona Ellen was voted the most outstanding freshman woman.

One of the contestants in the state FFA floriculture competition is shown identifying flowers, an exercise required of all contestants.

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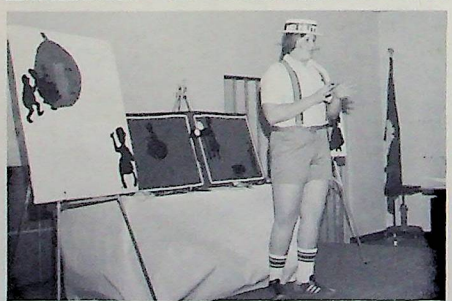
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